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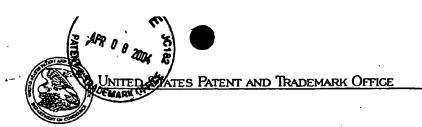
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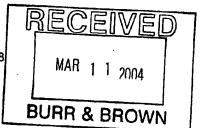
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$18 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$918 for a Large Entity

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\$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

1. Refund Request

Applicant's undersigned representative transmitted payment of \$918.00 on April 8, 2004 for the filing fees for the above-referenced patent. Enclosed are copies of materials that were submitted with that payment, including a copy of the check.

Accordingly, the full amount for the filing fees of \$918.00 at the large entity rate has been paid with regard to this patent.

It has come to our attention that the assignee of the above-referenced patent as of the date of payment, was entitled to claim small entity status at the time of that payment (and is presently still entitled to claim small entity status).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a refund of one-half of the filing fees, i.e., \$459.00 be refunded to Applicant's undersigned representatives' Deposit Account.

2. Fees Paid For Which Refund Requested

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1001/2001	1.16(a)		Filing fee	Requested
1201/2201	1.16(b)	8	Claims in Excess of 20	\$385.00
1202/2202	1.16(c)	0	Independent Claims in Excess of 3	\$9.00
1051/2051	1.16(e)	8	Surcharge for filing the basic filing fee or declaration on a date later than the filing	\$65.00
		0	date of the application	
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3. Manner of Refund

Please make refund by

- ☐ crediting Deposit Account No. 50-1446.
- □ refunding payment.

Respectfully submitted,

June 7, 2004

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